WHEREAS, South Dakotans value their natural environment and are concerned for the disappearance of trees in the State; and,

WHEREAS, trees provide necessary products for the future and are vital to the conservation of other natural resources as they prevent wind and water erosion of the soil and purify the air by returning oxygen to the atmosphere; and,

WHEREAS, trees add much to the natural beauty of our environment by absorbing noise, providing shade and shelter, beautifying the landscape and providing homes for birds and wildlife:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 22, 1972, as

SOUTH DAKOTA ARBOR DAY

and urge all South Dakotans to join in an effort to preserve our existing trees, to plant a tree on that day, and to support local replanting projects.

IN MTNESS WHEREOF, I Have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this 5th day of April, 1972.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE